

IN THE CLAIMS

Please **cancel** claims 1-13.

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B' 14. A pneumatic tire comprising in its bottom zone an elastomeric internal filler mix in the form of a profiled member which is located axially to the outside of the upturn of the carcass reinforcement, or a reinforcement profile for the beads of the tire which is located radially above the bead wire and adjacent to said bead wire, said elastomeric internal filler mix comprising a cohesive and low-hysteretic rubber composition wherein the elastomeric matrix comprises more than 70 phr of natural rubber or synthetic polyisoprene having double bonds, the majority of which are cis-1,4 bonds, and a reinforcing filler selected from among:

(i) a white filler of the silica and/or alumina type comprising SiOH and/or AlOH surface functions, which is selected from among the group consisting of precipitated or pyrogenic silicas, aluminas, aluminosilicates and carbon blacks modified during or after synthesis to have SiOH or AlOH functions at their surface, wherein said white filler has a specific area of between 30 and 260 m<sup>2</sup>/g and is present in an amount of between about 15 phr and 40 phr, and

(ii) a blend of carbon black having a BET specific surface area of between 30 and 160 m<sup>2</sup>/g, and the white filler of (i), in which the total amount of filler is between about 15 phr and 50 phr, wherein the amount of white filler is greater than or equal to the amount of carbon black in phr minus 5 phr.

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15. The tire of Claim 14, wherein the composition further comprises an additional diene elastomer, wherein the natural rubber or synthetic polyisoprene comprises the majority of elastomer in the composition.

16. The tire of Claim 15, wherein the additional diene elastomer is selected from the group consisting of a polybutadiene having double bonds, the majority of which are cis-1,4 bonds, a butadiene/styrene emulsion or solution copolymer having double bonds, the majority of which are trans-1,4, bonds, a butadiene/isoprene copolymer, and a styrene/butadiene/isoprene terpolymer.

17. The tire of Claim 16, wherein the diene elastomer has active groups on the elastomer chain or at the end of the elastomer chain, said active groups being active with carbon black or with white fillers, or is starred by a carbonyl, silicon or tin halide.

18. The tire of Claim 14, wherein the carbon black of (ii) has a BET specific surface area of between 90 and 150 m<sup>2</sup>/g.

19. The tire of Claim 14, wherein the composition comprises a white filler as sole filler in an amount of 20 to 35 phr.

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